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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Krichever et al.

Filed: January 8, 2001 Group Art Unit: 2876

Serial No: 09 756,438 Examiner: to be determined

For: BIOPTICS BAR CODE READER

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title and before the Background of the Invention, please add the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

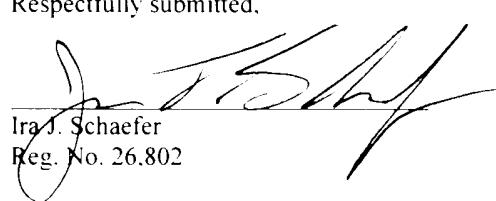
This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/204,689 entitled "Bioptics Bar Code Reader," which was filed on May 15, 2000.

REMARKS

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced application, applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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